

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a chronic, degenerative neurological disease that affects one in 100 people over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is no treatment to slow, stop or reverse the progression of the disease; nor is there a cure; and

WHEREAS, existing Parkinson's treatments are limited in their ability to address patients' symptoms and remain effective over time; and

WHEREAS, there is no Parkinson's test or biomarker, so the rate of under-diagnosis can be relatively high; and

WHEREAS, at least one million people in the United States and more than five million worldwide are living with Parkinson's Disease; and

WHEREAS, more than 16,000 people in Alabama are living with Parkinson's Disease; and

WHEREAS, motor and non-motor symptoms can include resting tremor, stiffness and slowness of movement, as well as depression, sleep disorders and cognitive impairment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2023, as

## Parkinson's Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

Kay Ivey, Governor